

Trinity's Weekly Connection

Sunday, February 26, 2023 – First Sunday in Lent

This Week at Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday, February 26

Sponsor a Mile and Clean Start in the New Year Appeals

Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.

Rejoice Worship (Rejoice band), 9:15 a.m.

Live Streaming of Worship, 9:15 and 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School, 9:20 a.m.

Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m.

Fifth Grade Communion Class, 2 p.m.

Middle School Service Project, 3 p.m.

High School Escape Room Outing, 6:30 p.m.

Lenten Virtual Bible Study & Yoga, 8 p.m.

Monday, February 27

Stroller Barre, 9 a.m.

Beyond Belief Band Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

Schubert Male Chorus Rehearsal, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, February 28

Council on Aging, 7:30 a.m.

Women's Bible Study, 9 a.m.

Fitness Classes, 10 a.m.

LWR Quilters, 10:30 a.m.

Lenten Grace Group, noon

Stephen Ministry Continuing Education, 6:30 p.m.

Stephen Ministry Peer Support Group, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 1

Lenten Grace Group, 10:30 a.m.

Outreach Committee Meeting, noon

Lenten Grace Group, 5 p.m.

Lenten Soup Supper, 5:30 p.m.

Lenten Midweek Worship, 6:30 p.m.

Fit4Baby, 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 2

Fitness Classes, 10 a.m.

Resound Bell Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

Trinity Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.

Friday, March 3

Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.

Memorial Service for Patricia Linkfield, 4 p.m.

Saturday, March 4

Blood Drive, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Baby Shower, noon

Sunday, March 5

IHN Week and Personal Hygiene Products Appeal

Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.

Rejoice Worship (Beyond Belief band), 9:15 a.m.

High School Bible Study, 9:15 a.m.

Live Streaming of Worship, 9:15 and 10:45 a.m.

Sunday, March 5 cont.

Sunday School, 9:20 a.m.

Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m.

Fifth Grade Communion Class, 2 p.m.

Confirmation, 3 p.m.

High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Lenten Virtual Bible Study & Yoga, 8 p.m.

Baptisms Today

Today at **9:15 a.m. we welcome Emelyn Joyce Tague** into the Body of Christ by the waters of Holy Baptism. Emelyn's parents are Kevin and Linsey Tague, her big brother is Lucas and her sponsors are Matt Tague and Nicki Abel.

At **10:45 a.m. we welcome Liam Daniel Zielinski** into the Body of Christ by the waters of Holy Baptism. Liam's parents are Daniel and Brittney Zielinski and his sponsors are Dustin and Brie Themm.

Assisting in Worship This Morning

8:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Vince Schumacher

Lector: Chas Schaner

Communion Assistants: Nancy Morrison,
Carolyn Johnson

Ushers: Bob Carwell, Bill and Meri Leidel

Acolytes: Helena Phillips, Isaac Johnson

9:15 a.m.

Rejoice band leading worship

Sacristan: Kim Hysell

Lector: Jaci Cole

Communion Assistants: Kim Hysell, Kathy Noble

Ushers: Brad & Pam Burkle, Bill Bush,

Tim Lundgren, Pat Radloff

Acolytes: Ellie Brandstadt, Daniel Ahrens

10:45 a.m.

Cantor: Deb DeWitt

Sacristans: Jan Jacobson, Nancy Mattson

Lector: Brad Burkle

Communion Assistants: Curtis Hahn,
Rebecca Linstrom

Ushers: Kara Day, Gene Gunderson, Carol Hendricks,
David Kuecherer, Chris Kutschinski,
Jordan Wiseman

Acolytes: Riley and James Day

Bread Baker: Julie Williams

Trinity Members in Our Prayers

We pray for **Trinity members in times of illness,**

hospitalization, rehabilitation and recovery: Sue

Bailey, Lisa Barkema, Don Barsema, Bob Beaudry, Krysta Billock, Jim and Sue Boyse, Bill Brock, Pat Bruin, Ellie Buggeln, Cheryl Bushman, Mike Danielski, Donna Erickson, Ruth Ann Evans, Diane Field, Mark Hahn, Beth Hall, Bob Heine, Callan Hughes, Carol Huttenga, Patricia Johnson, Roy Lamprich, Marilyn Leese, Jane Legault, Matthew Lohr, Ken Lown, Tess Lundgren, Judy Mallen, Tom Mannisto, Rebecca Mattison, Carolyn McCready, Jill McKinney, Stephanie McLeod, Marilyn Mellema, Christophe Muganza, Charmayne Mulligan, Jo Murphy, Craig Mutch, Bertie Nelson, Jesse Platt, Rick Radke, Jacqueline Riegling, Denny Rosen, Marian Schaible, Chas Schaner, Chris Schomberg, Lee Schomberg, Luanna Seyffert, Michael Smith, Patricia Stevens, Dale Volkerding, John Walls, Fred Wilcox, Robert Williams, Rick and Michelle Wolner, David Young, Kay Zeaman, Kathryn Zielinski and Cindy Zientarski.

We also lift up **Trinity families mourning the loss of**

loved ones: Kelli and John Basher, George Bauer, Jennifer Brown, Bill and Patricia Bruin, Jim and Sue Coates, Morgan and Jaci Cole, Jack Danielson, Julie Earhart, David and Pastor Kari Fast, Diane Field, Sharon Fourcha, Eric Gohlke, Keith Gohlke, Bob and Nanci Guigue, Carol Hendricks, Linda Holm, Brad and Gayl Kessel, Mike and Molly King, Terry and Susan Knoll, Beth Krueger, Kent and Kristin Linkfield, Mark and Rebecca Mattison, Matt and Lisa Mead, Craig and Patti Mutch, Tammy Parat, Kris Racek, Bruce and Joyce Schlenderer, Lee and Ann Schomberg, Doug and Joan Start, Linda Taffs, Julie Williams, Phillip Youngman, and John and Missy Ziech.

We also lift up in prayer this week Pastor Max Miller and the people of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Au Gres, partners with us in ministry North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

Readings & Hymns for February 26

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Psalms 32

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

#807	Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (red book)
#325	I Want Jesus to Walk with Me (red book)
#618	Guide Me, Ever Great Redeemer (red book)

FEBRUARY 26, 2023
FIRST SUNDAY
IN LENT



Jesus conquers evil.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 4:1-11	Temptation of Jesus
Monday	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7	First sin and its punishment
Tuesday	Romans 5:12-19	Adam and Christ
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Don't worship idols
Thursday	Ephesians 6:10-17	The whole armor of God
Friday	Hebrews 2:5-18	Exaltation through humiliation
Saturday	Psalms 32	The joy of forgiveness
Sunday	John 3:1-17	For God so loved the world

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him. Matthew 4:10-11 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, it is difficult to face the evil within and around us. Thank you for facing and conquering the power of sin through Christ Jesus, the Son of God. Amen.

Mealttime Prayer:

God of steadfast love and mercy, we thank you for this meal and all that you do to care for us through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God keep you from all evil and give you peace through Jesus Christ.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*O Lord, throughout
These Forty Days*



WEEKLY MILESTONES



Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- When you are going through difficult times, who supports you?
- Do you believe that God is always there for you in good and bad times? Explain.

DEVOTIONS



Read: Matthew 4:1-11.

After his baptism, Jesus is guided by the Holy Spirit to go out into the wilderness, a place of testing and identity formation. He is tested as he faces Satan and the basic temptations of comfort, worshiping false gods, and misuse of power. Jesus does not give in to these temptations. As the Son of God, he is adamant and without compromise. We, on the other hand, find it easy to compromise goodness in the presence of evil by tolerating comfort over justice, worship of false gods, and powers that hurt others without grieving us. In a world where little compromises lead to major sins and disappointments, it is good to know that our Savior faced down evil and won. Evil is real and does real damage to God's creation, including human beings and their relationships. The good news is that as fallible and susceptible as we are to evil, God in Christ has conquered every evil power.

Discuss: How does Jesus' victory over Satan give you strength and courage to live each day?

Pray: **Eternal God, you who never give up on us and always oppose evil, we thank you for your steadfast love and mercy through Christ Jesus. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you reach out to someone who feels alone?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Lent is a period of forty days when we focus on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as we prepare for Easter. Almsgiving is the tradition or practice of giving money or food to those in need. Decorate an Almsgiving Box to collect money for those in need during Lent. Place the box in your home. The collected money is to be donated at the end of Lent. This week rather than eating out, place money that you might have spent in the box to give to others.

Pray: **Loving God, thank you for giving us daily bread. Help us to give to others so that they may also be given daily bread. We pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, amen.**



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